

*Atty Docket: IDF 1660 (4000-04700)**Patent***REMARKS/ARGUMENTS*****Status of Claims***

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 21-28 have been canceled.

Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

***Amendments to the Specification***

Paragraphs [0014] and [0022] have been amended to correct minor typographical errors in the specification. These amendments do not contain any new matter.

***35 USC § 103 Rejections***

Claims 1-8 and 12-17 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *He* (U.S. Patent 6,813,244). Claims 9-11 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *He* in view of *Aoki* (U.S. Patent 6,757,255). Claims 2-11 depend on claim 1 and claims 13-20 depend on claim 12. Thus, claims 1-20 stand or fall on the application of *He* to independent claims 1 and 12.

Applicants provide herewith the Declaration Under Rule 1.131 of inventor Kevin H. Hansen establishing that the invention claimed in the present application was actually reduced to practice prior to November 20, 2000, which is the effective date of *He*. Therefore, *He* is no longer available as a prior art reference and Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-20 are now allowable.

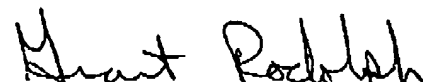
*Atty Docket: IDF 1660 (4000-04700)**Patent***CONCLUSION**

Consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested by Applicant. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the Office Action dated November 30, 2005 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper, please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 21-0765, Sprint. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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